

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a main unit;

a display unit distinct from the main unit;

a hinge mechanism having first and second shafts, the first shaft connecting the display unit to the main unit such that the display unit is rotatable between a closed position where the display unit overlies the main unit and an open position where the display unit is raised up from the main unit, and the second shaft extending in a direction perpendicular to the first shaft and connecting the display unit to the main unit so as to be rotatable in a circumferential direction of the second shaft;

a braking mechanism, which is mounted in the main unit and generates braking force that limits rotation of the display unit between the closed position and the open position; and

an engagement member, which is mounted in the display unit and movable between an engagement position where it is engaged with the braking mechanism and an engagement release position where it is removed from the braking mechanism.

2. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the braking mechanism has a pair of brake shafts to which the braking force is applied, the brake shafts and the hinge mechanism are aligned in a width direction of the main unit, and the hinge mechanism is located between the brake shafts.

3. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the braking mechanism has a brake shaft to which the braking force is applied, the brake shaft being rotatable in a circumferential direction of the first shaft of the hinge mechanism and having a recess with which the engaging member is removably engaged, when the engaging member is in the engagement position, and the brake shaft being coupled with the display unit by engagement of the engaging member with the recess.

4. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the first shaft of the hinge mechanism, the brake shaft and the engaging member are arranged coaxially with one another, and the brake shaft and the display unit are integrally rotated in the circumferential direction of the first shaft by engagement of the engaging member with the recess.

5. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the engaging member is always urged toward the engaging position by a spring.

6. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an operation member, which is mounted in the main unit and movable between a first operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement position and a second operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement release position.

7. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a lock member, which secures the operation member in the second operation position, when the operation ~~position~~ member is moved to the second operation position.

8. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a cooperation mechanism, which transmits movement of the operation member to the engaging member.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a main unit;
a display unit distinct from the main unit, the display unit having a recess;
a hinge mechanism having first and second shafts, the first shaft connecting the display unit to the main unit such that the display unit is rotatable between a closed position where the display unit overlies the main unit, and an open position where the display unit is raised up from the main unit, and the second shaft extending in a direction perpendicular to the first shaft and connecting the display unit to the main unit so as to be rotatable in a circumferential direction of the second shaft;
a braking mechanism, which is mounted in the main unit and generates braking force that limits rotation of the display unit between the closed position and the open position, the braking mechanism having a brake shaft to which the braking force is applied; and

~~an engagement member, which is mounted in the display unit and movable between an engagement position where it is engaged with the display unit and an engagement release position where it is removed from the display unit and which receives the braking force of the braking mechanism.~~ supported by the brake shaft of the braking mechanism, and movable between an engagement position where the engagement member is engaged with the recess of the display unit and an engagement release position where the engagement member is removed from the recess of the display unit,

wherein when the engagement member is moved to the engagement position, the engagement member receives the braking force of the braking mechanism and the display unit is coupled with the brake shaft by engagement of the engagement member with the recess, and

the first shaft of the hinge mechanism, the brake shaft and the engagement member are arranged coaxially with one another, and the brake shaft and the display unit are integrally rotated in a circumferential direction of the first shaft by the engagement of the engagement member with the recess.

10. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim 9, ~~wherein the braking mechanism has a pair of brake shafts to which the braking force is applied, the brake shafts and the hinge mechanism are aligned in a width direction of the main unit, and the hinge mechanism is located between the brake shafts.~~

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the engaging member is always urged toward the engaging position by a spring.

15. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising an operation member, which is mounted in the main unit and movable between a first operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement position and a second operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement release position.

16. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a lock member, which secures the operation member in the second operation position, when the operation member is moved to the second operation position.

17. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a cooperation mechanism, which transmits movement of the operation member to the engaging member.

18. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a main unit;
a display unit distinct from the main unit;

a hinge mechanism having first and second shafts, the first shaft connecting the display unit to the main unit such that the display unit is rotatable between a closed position where the display unit overlies the main unit, and an open position where the display unit is raised up from the main unit, and the second shaft being perpendicular to the first shaft and connecting the display unit to the main unit so as to be rotatable in a circumferential direction of the second shaft;

a braking mechanism mounted in the main unit and having a rotary body, which receives braking force that limits rotation of the display unit between the closed position and the open position the rotary body having a recess; and

an engagement member, which is mounted in the display unit and movable between an engagement position where ~~[[it]]~~ the engagement member is engaged with the recess of the rotary body and an engagement release position where ~~[[it]]~~ the engagement is removed from the recess of the rotary body, wherein the rotary body is coupled with the display unit by engagement of the engagement member with the recess.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim ~~[[19]]~~ 18, wherein the first shaft of the hinge mechanism and the rotary body of the braking mechanism are arranged coaxially with each other, and the rotary body and the display unit are integrally rotated in a circumferential direction of the first shaft by engagement of the engaging member with the recess.

21. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising:

an operation member, which is mounted in the display unit and movable between a first operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement position and a second operation position to move the engaging member to the engagement release position; and

a securing member, which secures the operation member in the second operation position, when the operation member is moved to the second operation position.

22. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising a cooperation mechanism, which transmits movement of the operation member to the engaging member.

23-25. (Canceled)